CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A primer tank for generating a primer vapor, comprising: a tank body for containing a liquid primer; and a nozzle assembly having a plurality of nozzle openings provided in said tank body for ejecting a plurality of gas streams against the liquid primer.
- 2. The primer tank of claim 1 wherein said nozzle assembly comprises a gas inlet pipe for receiving a primary gas stream and a nozzle plate provided in fluid communication with said gas inlet pipe, and wherein said plurality of nozzle openings extends through said nozzle plate.
- 3. The primer tank of claim 1 further comprising a level sensor provided in said tank body for sensing a level of the liquid primer in said tank body.

- 4. The primer tank of claim 3 wherein said nozzle assembly comprises a gas inlet pipe for receiving a primary gas stream and a nozzle plate provided in fluid communication with said gas inlet pipe, and wherein said plurality of nozzle openings extends through said nozzle plate.
- 5. The primer tank of claim 1 further comprising a vapor outlet tube provided in fluid communication with said tank body for distributing the primer vapor from said tank body.
- 6. The primer tank of claim 5 wherein said nozzle assembly comprises a gas inlet pipe for receiving a primary gas stream and a nozzle plate provided in fluid communication with said gas inlet pipe, and wherein said plurality of nozzle openings extends through said nozzle plate.
- 7. The primer tank of claim 5 further comprising a level sensor provided in said tank body for sensing a level of the liquid primer in said tank body.

- 8. The primer tank of claim 7 wherein said nozzle assembly comprises a gas inlet pipe for receiving a primary gas stream and a nozzle plate provided in fluid communication with said gas inlet pipe, and wherein said plurality of nozzle openings extends through said nozzle plate.
 - 9. A primer tank for generating a primer vapor, comprising: a tank body for containing a liquid primer; and
- a nozzle assembly provided in said tank body, said nozzle assembly having a gas inlet pipe for receiving a primary gas stream; a housing having a housing interior provided in fluid communication with said gas inlet pipe; and a nozzle plate having plurality of nozzle openings carried by said housing for receiving the primary gas stream and ejecting a plurality of secondary gas streams against the liquid primer.
- 10. The primer tank of claim 9 further comprising a level sensor provided in said tank body for sensing a level of the liquid primer in said tank body.
- 11. The primer tank of claim 9 further comprising a vapor outlet tube provided in fluid communication with said tank body for distributing the primer vapor from said tank body.

. .

- 12. The primer tank of claim 11 further comprising a level sensor provided in said tank body for sensing a level of the liquid primer in said tank body.
- 13. The primer tank of claim 9 wherein said plurality of nozzle openings are arranged in a plurality of radially-extending rows in said nozzle plate.
- 14. The primer tank of claim 13 further comprising a level sensor provided in said tank body for sensing a level of the liquid primer in said tank body.
- 15. The primer tank of claim 13 further comprising a vapor outlet tube provided in fluid communication with said tank body for distributing the primer vapor from said tank body.
- 16. The primer tank of claim 15 further comprising a level sensor provided in said tank body for sensing a level of the liquid primer in said tank body.

.

17. A method of generating a primer vapor from a liquid primer, comprising the steps of:

providing a primer tank having a tank body;

providing the liquid primer in said tank body; and

directing an inert gas against the liquid primer in a

plurality of gas streams.

- 18. The method of claim 17 wherein said liquid primer comprises hexamethyldisilazone.
- 19. The method of claim 17 wherein each of said plurality of gas streams has a pressure of about 0.75 Kpa.
- 20. The method of claim 17 wherein said directing an inert gas against the liquid primer in a plurality of gas streams comprises the steps of providing a primary gas stream, dividing said primary gas stream into said plurality of gas streams, and directing said plurality of gas streams against the liquid primer.